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SUBJ: FORMER BRITISH MP APPOINTED DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRANSKEI

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1. TRANSKEI PRIME MINISTER KAIZER MATANZIMA JULY 21 ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF HUMPHREY BERKELEY, A FORMER CONSERVATIVE MP, TO THE NEWLY CREATED POST OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRANSKEI. BERKELEY IS EMPLOYED BY A LONDON PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM WHICH WAS RETAINED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TO PROVIDE INFORMATIONAL SERVICES FOR TRANSKEI IN THE UK. HIS SELECTION FOLLOWS BY A FEW DAYS MATANZIMA'S DECISION TO ABSORB THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INTO HIS OWN OFFICE AND TO TRANSFER THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE JUSTICE MINISTRY (REFTEL). MATANZIMA DENIED AT THE TIME THAT THE MOVE WAS DESIGNED TO PERMIT BERKELEY TO ASSUME A ROLE AS HIS PRINCIPAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR, THOUGH THIS MAY NONETHELESS BE THE CASE.

2. A WASHINGTON POST REPORTER WHO RECENTLY VISITED TRANSKEI INTERVIEWED BERKELEY. BERKELEY ADMITTED HIS DISLIKE FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, DIGBY KOYANA, AND HIS DESIRE TO ASSUME A MAJOR ROLE IN SHAPING TRANSKEI'S FOREIGN POLICY. HE CONCEDED A SYMPATHY FOR TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE, WHICH HE ASSERTS SET IT APART FROM OTHER HOMELANDS. HE CLAIMS, FOR EXAMPLE, HE ADVISED MATANZIMA NOT TO RECOGNIZE BOPHUTHATSWANA, A STEP HE ARGUED WOULD ONLY CHEAPEN TRANSKEI'S CLAIM TO A UNIQUE STATUS. HE INTENDS TO PRESS FOR A MORE ACTIVIST

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FOREIGN POLICY AND TO CONTINUE TO SEEK RECOGNITION, WITH
LESOTHO AS A LIKELY FIRST TARGET.
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